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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222-2312 November 15, 2001

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated October 3, 2001 (the "Office Action") issued in connection with the above-identified application ("subject application") and to place the subject application in better condition for allowance, please amend the subject application as follows:

## In the Claims

Please cancel claim 1 without prejudice and disclaimer.

Please amend claim 3 to read as follows: